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1. MINTOFF DEPARTED SPAIN AUGUST 13 AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT. IN WORKING SESSION AT SAN SEBASTIAN SUMMER FOREIGN MINISTRY, MINTOFF AND SPANISH FONMIN LOPEZ RODO SIGNED A GENERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. THE FIVE-YEAR RENEWABLE CONVENTION COVERS ECONOMICS, TRADE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM, AND CALLS FOR DETAILED AGREEMENTS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS. A JOINT COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED, TO MEET ONCE A YEAR ALTERNATELY IN SPAIN AND MALTA.

2. IN PUBLIC DECLARATIONS, LOPEZ RODO SPOKE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND SPECIFIED GOS AND MALTESE SUPPORT FOR NORTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN CSCE. MINTOFF SAID, INTER ALIA: (A) WE HAVE OBLIGATION TO MEDITERRANEAN NEIGHBORS TO CHANGE OLD MALTESE MENTALITY FROM ALWAYS SERVING STRONGEST COUNTRY IN WORLD WHICH, FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, HAS BEEN AN EXTRA-MEDITERRANEAN POWER, (B) EC NEEDS COUNTRIES ON ITS SOUTHERN FLANK, INCLUDING SPAIN
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AND MALTA, (C) ENGLISH HAVE NOT YET FULLY FORGIVEN US,

(D) GIBRALTAR IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY
SPAIN, (E) HE CAME TO SPAIN TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL
AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

3. DUE PARTIALLY TO SUMMER STANDDOWN IN POLITICAL
ACTIVITY, MINTOFF VISIT DREW FAIRLY COPIOUS COVERAGE
IN ALL MEDIA.
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